

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES

POLICY: Victims of Crime Act – Victim Assistance Grant Program

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER WAIVER

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) statute requires all eligible victim assistance programs to use volunteers in providing victim assistance services "unless and to the extent the chief executive determines that compelling reasons exist to waive this requirement." [42 U.S.C. 10603 (b) (1) (C)]. The OVC Guidelines define a "compelling reason" as "...a statutory or contractual provision concerning liability or confidentiality of counselor/victim information, which bars volunteers for certain positions, or the inability to recruit and maintain volunteers after a sustained and aggressive effort."

If you are requesting a waiver for the use of volunteers, complete and upload this form in the documents section in the Grants Management System.

Provide a detailed explanation for such request.

1. In the case of statutory or contractual provisions that prohibits the use of volunteers, attach a copy of the applicable statute or contract.
2. In the case of a lack of volunteers, if you list this as a reason for the waiver request, you must document the efforts made to recruit volunteers.

Signed,

Authorized Official

Date

This signed document, along with a detailed explanation, confirms this agency's request to waive the use of volunteers for its VOCA Project/Program.